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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

SUN CONFERS WITH THE LEADERS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 28, 9.25 a.m.

Sun Yat-sen is holding a conference with the leaders of the revolution.

Tang Shao-yi hopes that the National Convention at Nanking will decide as to the form of Government.

It is believed that Tang has asked the Ministers to use their influence with the Premier.

NEWS FROM SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang and H.E. Tang Shao-yi resumed the negotiations for peace to-day.

The Imperialists are short of money and provisions and have proposed to the British Consul, the declaration of Hankow and Hanyang as neutral places. The Imperialists intended to retreat from Wusungkwun with their arms, but Li Yuan-hong objected and insisted upon the surrender of their arms by the Imperialists before departure.

The Cantonese troops left Shanghai for Nanking to-day.

"Sheung Po."

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to H.E. Tang Shao-yi for a further extension of the armistice for two days when he will give his final decision regarding the demands presented by the revolutionaries.

Tang Po-ngok member of the suite of Tang Shao-yi has arrested at Shanghai by the revolutionaries on a charge of obtaining loans from the people on behalf of the Manchu Government. H.E. Tang Shao-yi has approached Dr. Wu Ting-fang on this matter. "Shat Po."

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

NEWS FROM PEKING.

Peking, Dec. 27.

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has submitted the demands presented by the delegates of the revolutionaries at the peace conference to the nobles for consideration and approval. Prince Yun-Long formerly High Commissioner of the Imperial Body-guards, designed to assassinate H.E. Yuan Shih-kai. However, the plot was discovered, and he has been arrested.

A Dane who is staying in Peking, has advised H.E. Yuan Shih-kai that instead of fighting with the revolutionaries the provinces of Shantung and Honan should be strongly guarded by the Imperialists, and that the invasion of the southern provinces should temporarily be postponed so as to give time to the Imperialists to recruit their strength. "Sheung Po."

TRIPOLI WAR.

CHRISTMAS DAY FIGHT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Dec. 27, 1.40 p.m.

Router's Rome correspondent reports that Turkish artillery, several thousands strong, advanced on Benghazi on the morning of Christmas Day. The Italians cannonaded their enemy from a range of two thousand yards, checking the advance. The Turks retreated to the oasis at sunset. (Reuter.)

KING AND INDIA.

GREAT JUBILATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Dec. 27, 1.40 p.m.

Router's correspondent at Calcutta wires that the Indian National Congress, attended by seven thousand delegates, has struck a keynote of jubilation over the King-Emperor's visit and gifts, especially the announcement of the partition of Bengal. The chairman, Pandit Dar, described British government in India as a gift of Providence. India, he said, favourably compared with the dependence of other Powers. (Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

A PLACATORY MESSAGE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 28.

Reuter learns that the Persian reply to the Russian ultimatum states that in view of her strong desire for cordial relations with Great Britain and Russia, Persia will be careful in future that appointments of foreign officers will not be made in a way likely to injure the lawful interests of the two Governments. She would consult the Legations in regard to such appointments beforehand.

BRITISH CONSUL

ATTACKED.

Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz, while travelling thither from Bushire with an escort of sowars, was attacked by Kashgai road guards near Kazerun. A severe fight ensued. One sowar was killed and three were wounded. Mr. Smart is missing. His wounded horse has been recovered.

The escort fought its way to Kazerun. (Reuter.)

ATROCITIES DENIED.

Via Durban, Dec. 27, 7 a.m.

Router's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that the Consul-General at Tabriz declares that the Russian troops treated the peaceable inhabitants with humanity, notwithstanding the atrocities of the Fidsai on the wounded and the mutilation of the bodies of the killed. The troops rescued and sheltered the women and children from the bombarded houses. The Russians had a hundred killed and severely wounded during the fighting.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

Via Bombay, Dec. 27, 1.40 p.m.

Router's Teheran correspondent states that Indian sowars were again attacked near Kazerun, two being killed. The situation at Shiraz is most serious. Mr. Morgan Shuster has notified his willingness to hand over his office when a successor is nominated. (Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

THE PAPAL DECREE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Dec. 27, 9.50 a.m.

The Unionists state that the Papal decree which excommunicates persons who, without obtaining permission of the ecclesiastical authorities, summon any ecclesiastical before a criminal or civil tribunal, will be the basis of the appeal to the British electorate. They point out that the decree excommunicates those enacting laws aimed at the Church of Rome. Thus the Church will stand as janitor at the doors of the Irish Parliament.

CHURCH OF ROME AFRAID.

The "Morning Leader," while traversing the Unionist interpretation of the decree, agrees that the document is capable of being misrepresented as a danger to Protestants but declares that its appearance at the present time shows that the Church of Rome is afraid of Home Rule. (Reuter.)

MEXICAN REVOLT.

REYES SURRENDERS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Dec. 27, 9.30 p.m.

Router's correspondent at Mexico says that General Reyes, leader of the revolt against President Madero of Mexico, has surrendered. He has become disheartened owing to the defection of his partisans. (Reuter.)

GREAT GALE.

MANY LIVES LOST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Dec. 27, 3.30 p.m.

Seven of the crew of the London steamer Guillemot were rescued in a gale in the Bay of Biscay on Dec. 21. They were landed at Greenock yesterday. The captain and twenty-two of the crew were drowned. A Grimsby trawler with nine hands was lost in the North Sea, and a crew of thirteen of Boulogne fishing smack were drowned in a recent gale. (Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

LANCASHIRE LOOKOUT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.

At all the mills in Blackburn lookout notices were posted to-day. It is believed that the lookout will be of short duration owing to the disproportion between the cause and its dire effect.

AT ROCHDALE.

Durban, Dec. 27, 9.30 p.m.

Similar notices are published at Rochdale and elsewhere. (Reuter.)

THEIR MAJESTIES.

STATE VISITS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 27, 9.50 a.m.

The "Daily Express" states that their Majesties the King and Queen will during 1912 pay a series of State visits to European capitals. (Reuter.)

CRICKET.

HITCH IN FORM.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 27, 1.50 p.m.

Glorious weather prevailed at Bendigo when the match between M.C.O. and Fifteen of Bendigo was resumed. There was a fair attendance of spectators, and the wicket was good. Overnight, going in against an M.C.O. total of 170, the locals put on 123 for six wickets, but their advance was not driven home, for they were now all dismissed for 184, MacKay being top scorer with 37. Hilch captured seven wickets for only 47 runs. The success of this express bowler is very welcome, as it goes to show that he has quite recovered from the severe strain which kept him out of the last Test match. Going to the wickets again, M.C.O. scored 188 for nine wickets. Woolley led the way with 64, and Rhodes contributed 50. The match was left drawn. (Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

KUALA WRECK.

UNDECISIVE FINDING.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Dec. 27, 2.20 p.m.

The inquiry into the causes of the wreck of the Kuala has resulted in an undecided finding, owing to the absence of the chief officer. No certificates were dealt with.

It was suggested to call the attention of the Government to the predatory and hostile attitude of the natives of Socotra.

BOXING.

JOHNSON AND FLYNN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Dec. 7.35 p.m.

Jack Johnson will probably box Jim Flynn for the championship of the world.

Johnson wants a guarantee of \$8,000, win, lose, or draw.

He has been offered \$4,000, and a conference to discuss terms has been arranged.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 28.

The French Chamber has passed the new Franco-Japanese Commercial Convention without a division.

The Chairman of the Customs Committee emphasized the advantage of good relations with Japan.

The Minister for Commerce explained the advantages of the Convention, and the Premier said that it would draw closer the bonds of sympathy between the two countries.

VIENNA SACRILEGE.

ROYAL SKULL STOLEN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 27, 7 a.m.

The vault of Prince Alexander, father of the King of Serbia, in the cemetery at Vienna, has been broken into and the skull stolen. (Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN'S WAR.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 27, 7 a.m.

Router's Madrid correspondent wires that two Spanish columns attacked and drove the Rifians across the Kart River after severe fighting. The Spanish losses were two killed and forty wounded. (Reuter.)

CANTON NEWS.

[“Telegraph” Correspondent.]

Canton, Dec. 27.

Regulations have been drawn up in regard to opium smoking by soldiers. For the first offence a fine of \$1 will be imposed; for the second a severe flogging will be awarded and for a third offence the culprit will be shot.

It is proposed by the Chinese Engineering Association to erect a memorial hall in the vicinity of the Provincial Assembly building in honour of Wan Sang-choy, who assassinated Tartar General Fu Chi, and to Chan King-ngak and Lam Kou-shi, who made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Admiral Li Chun. Several thousand dollars have already been subscribed for this purpose.

DOES LIFE END ALL?

"The Chinese do not believe that with this life ends all." Any one who has been in the East must notice this fact, says a contemporary and also its converse—we (who call ourselves Christians) do believe that with this life ends all.

We talk of the happiness of heaven, yet we are much frightened at the idea of going there; we should a friend chance to die, notwithstanding prolonged and valiant efforts on the part of medical science to preserve his "vile body" and to prolong his stay in "this present evil world"—a stay which may possibly only mean suffering or imbecility—then we indulge in a display of barbaric and gloomy funeral rites, and smother ourselves in black clothes to parade our grief.

There are only two ways of believing in the immortality of the soul—we do believe or we don't, and all the evidences go to prove that we don't, and that our talk of heaven is only cant.

Arrangements have been made for an educational world's tour for young men next year, leaving London on October 18 and returning on June 14, 1913. The party will go first to Egypt, then to Colombo, Ceylon, Calcutta, Rangoon, and Burma. Then they will pass on to Singapore, Hongkong, Canton, Meao, Shanghai, Peking, and other famous centres. They will cross over to Kobe for another month in Japan. From Yokohama they will sail to San Francisco, and, in a 33 day's tour, do "America," leaving New York on Saturday, June 7, for London.

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WHAT THEY THINK

China Mail.

Hasty Legislation.

As the sponsor of a measure
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through and through with weak-
nesses and faults, Mr. Lloyd
George has won for himself the
title of "a sentimentalist in a
hurry." The more one considers
the National Insurance Bill and
the indecent haste with which it
was rushed through the House of
Commons, the more truthful and
appropriate does the appellation
appear to be. We have recently
had brought to our notice a most
forceful critical analysis of the Bill
in its financial and actuarial as-
pects in the form of a paper which
was read before the Philosophical
Society at Glasgow last month
by Mr. Walter Borland, F.R.S. Prepared by a man who is
obviously most competent to deal
with the question, it is worthy of
all the greater attention when it
is borne in mind that the Bill is
viewed not from any bigoted or
biased standpoint, but is coldly
and dispassionately analysed on
its absolute merits. And though
the writer shows every sympathy
with the aim of the scheme, his
criticisms strike so hard at the
ill-considered proposals which it
embraces that, after reading the
paper, one comes to the conclu-
sion that it were far better if the
Bills were entirely cleaned and
altogether fresh beginning
made, rather than that the mea-
sure should painfully operate and
thereafter need constant patching
up and revision.

Daily Press.

Yuan Shih-kai's Denial.

It is of interest and perhaps con-
siderable significance to note that
an authoritative denial has been
published that Yuan Shih-kai
expressed himself to Tang Shao-
yi, the Imperial Peace Envoy, as
definitely opposed to the establish-
ment of a republican form of
government. The further state-
ment that Tang Shao-yi disbe-
lieves that the Premier has told
anybody that "he will never agree
to a republic" suggests that it
would be premature yet to conclude
that the Peace Conference has
failed. The armistice lasts until 8
a.m. on the 31st inst., and probably
the limit will be nearly reached
before a definite answer is given
to this, the foremost demand of
the Revolutionary delegates.

Meanwhile the discussion which
is taking place as to who is to be
the first President of the Republic
of China shows clearly enough
that the Revolutionary organiza-
tion will not countenance a settle-
ment based on the retention of
the monarchy. Outside China the
general idea seems to be that the
highest post in the land under a
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South China Morning Post.

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serious limitation of trade, as the
capital of the native banks is not
nearly sufficient to finance the
native merchants' turnover. From
the remarks of various speakers,
including representatives of the
native Chamber, it appeared that
the Chinese themselves favour cash
dealings, and the possibility that a
business basis, similar to that in
Hongkong might be established
was welcomed. The Chinese
certainly have no particular trust
in their own banks, and are con-
vinced the system must be changed
in one way or another. It is
hoped the resolution passed will
achieve the desired purpose. The
Chamber are not in a position
actually to dictate in regard to
business methods, but they have
an influence which is to the same
end, for by enlisting the support
of the majority of business men in
Shanghai they may establish a
custom which in the long run
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1911.

THE WAR IN TRIPOLI.

Although in the earlier stages of the war between Italy and Turkey there was much talk of intervention it came to nothing and the Powers appear to have decided to allow the belligerents to fight it out. European and American papers which have recently arrived contain reports from correspondents who were with the Italian army of the barbarous methods of warfare adopted by the Italians, and if these reports are to be believed it is to be feared that the war will be protracted and characterized by increasing savagery. A typical despatch in this connection is one sent by Mr. Francis McCullagh, a well-known war correspondent, to the "New York World." He declared:—"As a protest against the murders of innocent Arab women, children and men last week, I returned my official papers as a correspondent to General Canova. I cannot remain longer with an army which is no army, but an armed band of marauders and a gang of assassins." Mr. McCullagh went on to say that about 400 women and children and 1,000 men had been shot, including cripples and blind beggars. Sick people, whose houses had been burned, were left on the ground and refused water. Every British correspondent save one had refused to remain. A denial is given to the report that the Arabs began to mutilate corpses and so brought this awful punishment upon themselves. This witness says that mutilation certainly did take place, but after, not before, these massacres. Up to that time the Arabs had proved most magnanimous opponents and had brought in Italian wounded on several occasions under a flag of truce. Mr. McCullagh goes on to cite instances, which he witnessed personally, of barbarity on the part of the Italians.

In forming an opinion in regard to charges of this nature it is only just to weigh the evidence well and to take into consideration the character of those by whom it is given. Any ulterior motive that might colour the evidence should be sought for, and if found should be taken into account. In this instance the testimony is from disinterested sources. The British and American correspondents, if they had any prejudices, would naturally be inclined towards the Italian side. Yet, almost unanimously, they agree that the treatment of the Arabs was not to be justified by the ordinary rules of war. The Italian Government has given a general denial, but this can only be accorded the amount of credence that is given to an accused person who pleads not guilty. Positive evidence is given by the independent witnesses and it is difficult to see how a verdict against Italy can be avoided.

The unfortunate effects of the bitter hatred that has been generated between the Italians and the Arabs is likely to be felt in remote quarters. If, as is feared, a Holy War is being preached, the wrath of the followers of Islam may not break alone upon the head of the immediate foe. There is danger of the religious enthusiasm spreading to Egypt and to India, and a titanic struggle between Cross and Crescent might be precipitated. We do not think this at all likely, but we mention it as a possibility that would never have had to be considered had not the Arabs been drawn directly into the difference between Italy and Turkey. The Italians, when they first descended upon Tripoli, represented themselves to the Arabs as liberators, and at first the Arabs showed some disposition to regard them as such. Unhappily the Arabs have been estranged and they have unreservedly thrown in their lot with the Turks. Italy is in consequence confronted by a laborious and costly task and the rest of the Christian world, Great Britain in particular, is brought face to face with a very sinister possibility.

DAY BY DAY.

We never know how many friends we have till we don't need them.

The Exchange Banks will be closed on Monday.

The German Mail of the Nov. 20 was delivered in London on Dec. 27.

It is said that the new Law Courts will be occupied early in the coming month.

We are informed by the Colonial Secretary's Office that Singapore has been released from quarantine.

Quil Kisch, a fireman on board the s.s. Cleveland, was brought up at the Magistracy this morning charged with being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$4, or, in default, five days' imprisonment.

Yung Shi-pat was charged at the Magistracy this morning with throwing stones at P. C. Barnett in Queen's Road West on December 24 last. He was awarded 24 strokes of the "cat" and was further sentenced to undergo 48 hours' detention.

The following notification appears in Garrison Orders:—"There will be a special watchnight service at the Cathedral, December 31, at 11.30 p.m. Preacher: The Chaplain. Men may attend this service in fatigue dress. Commanding Officers are requested to give every facility for men to attend this service."

The case came on this morning at the Magistracy, in which Inspector Grant prosecuted a Chinese for unlawfully importing arms into the Colony without a licence. The defendant, who was represented by Mr. Hinde, lives at 202 Wing Lok Street and it is alleged that 4 Winchester rifles and 2,600 rounds of ammunition were found in his possession. He was remanded, bail being allowed in \$500.

A. R. Samy, the 18-year-old Indian youth who is charged with alleged forgery of cheques of the International Banking Corporation to the extent of some \$24,000, was brought up on remand before Mr. Irving at the Magistracy this afternoon. Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the defendant. Further evidence was called and the case remanded.

Supreme Court Charges.

Mr. F. Howell will have ceased his duties as Chief Bailiff of the Supreme Court from the end of the current month, as he has decided to retire on pension. Mr. Joseph Leonard has been appointed to succeed him, while Mr. W. Hill will take up the duties of 2nd bailiff.

The Dare To Dies.

With the object, it is said, of saving expense, the number of the "Dare To Die" troops is being reduced. The other day these soldiers were subjected to a novel kind of ordeal with this end in view. The unit in question consisted of 200 men, and in order to cut down the number they were called upon to try their strength in lifting a weight of eighty catties. Out of the 200 eighty accomplished this feat, and the others were thereupon dismissed, each receiving an honorarium of twenty cents. The weight-lifters were retained in the service of the army.—"N. C. Daily News."

Revolutionary Troops.

The following is from the "N. C. Daily News" of Dec. 23:—"All the revolutionary troops in Shanghai, including the arrivals from Canton, Hangchow and all other cities in Kiangsu province have received orders to proceed to Nanking at once. Arrangements are being made locally to hasten the transport of the troops. We understand that it is the intention of the revolutionaries to proceed as far North as possible, especially from Pukow. We understand that the revolutionaries have succeeded in arranging a loan of Tls. 300,000, and are endeavouring to arrange a further loan of Tls. 200,000."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon.

Present:—H. E. the Governor Sir Frederick John Dealtry Lugard K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

H. E. Major General Anderson, Hon. Mr. C. Clementi (acting Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. W. Thompson (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt.

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (acting Registrar General).

Hon. Capt. F. W. Lyons (Capt. Supl. of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Mr. C. H. Crofton (Clerk of Council).

Finance.

The following recommendations were referred to the Finance Committee:—The Governor recommends the council to vote a sum of thirty-eight thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars (\$38,219) in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, buildings, Law Courts.

The Governor recommends the council to vote a sum of one hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$151) in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, C—Imports and Exports Office, other charges, repairs to steam-launch.

Question Time.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., put the following questions standing in his name:—

1. What is the nature of the works which are in contemplation in the Hill District near the junction of the Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads?

2. For what reason are such works being undertaken?

3. Has the question of the desirability of undertaking such works been laid before the Public Works Committee? If not, why not?

4. What is the estimated cost of such works?

The answers given by the Director of Public Works were:—

(1) The work referred to consists of a diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads.

(2) The work has been undertaken in fulfilment of an arrangement by Sir M. Nathan made with the lessee of the Peak Hotel property in May 1907, whereby he agreed to surrender to Government the necessary land to enable the new road to be constructed from Victoria Gap to Plantation Road, the Government giving in exchange the area which will be rendered available by the diversion already mentioned. The immediate inception of the new road has been urged upon the Government by the hon. member himself who submitted a petition signed by 41 residents in the neighbourhood.

(3) The alignment of the new road was referred to the Public Works Committee on Sept. 23, but the consequent diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads resulted from the arrangement made in 1907.

(4) The estimated cost of the diversion in question is \$2,750.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock remonstrated that his question had not been answered as to why this work was not referred to the Public Works Committee. The only answer given was that another road which would have certain results was referred to the Public Works Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham replied that his instructions were that the only matters that can be laid before the Public Works Committee were by instruction of His Excellency. He regretted if there were any appearance of attempting to suppress anything. It was far from his intention to do so.

His Excellency said that the only word which he could add to those of the last speaker was to point out that the Public Works Committee was a committee of the whole Council. It had not been the custom that minor works should be referred to the committee.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham moved the following resolution:—

Resolved that the existing badge of the Colony is not only inartistic but it is unsuitable for reproduction especially on flags, etc., and resolved therefore that the design laid on the table, being both simpler and more artistic, be substituted therefor.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The "One Bottom" Law.

The last budget of correspondence, which has come to hand, from the Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, contains much information that is of interest to local residents. The first batch of letters deals with the position of merchants, who are sending goods to America via Manila, in view of the "One Bottom" Law under the Payne tariff law of 1909. A decision was obtained in the High Court of Customs Appeal, in America, that goods shipped from the Philippines to America on a through bill of entry would be entitled to free entry even though they had not actually been shipped in one bottom. The Inland Collector of Customs, approached with a request that the same ruling should apply to goods sent from America to the Philippines, stated that he had no objection to his previous ruling that in order to secure free entry to the islands, the goods must be shipped in one bottom. Here the matter rests at present until a Manila importer cares to test the ruling in the local courts.

Dangerous Practice Stopped.

The crusade which the Harbour Authorities carried out against the practice of Chinese boat people of making fast to a vessel in motion, and the salutary sentences passed by the Marine Magistrate, seem to have stamped out the dangerous habit for, in a letter dated Oct. 21, the late Colonial Secretary says:—"The Harbour Master reports that (probably owing to the exemplary sentences lately passed on offenders who were caught boarding incoming steamers before anchoring) there have been no cases reported of boarding steamers under weigh outside the Harbour Limits, and this has recently been confirmed by the Honourable Mr. Ross who stated that Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. have had no cause of complaint in this matter for the last four or five months."

The Opium Question.

Arising out of the debate on the Opium Ordinance on Aug. 30, Messrs. David Sassoon & Co. wrote in reference to statements made by the Colonial Secretary regarding a visit paid to him by three gentlemen, leading merchants, and a statement to the effect that out of 1,005 chests of uncertificated opium imported between July 24 and Aug. 29, 760 chests were imported by these gentlemen.

Messrs. Sassoon & Co., pointed out that only two gentlemen called, and if a third did, he was not entitled to act on behalf of the regular opium merchants. With regard to the second point they said:—"We beg to inform you that we purchased at the July sale, which was held in Calcutta on Tuesday 4th, 200 chests of uncertificated opium, out of which 175 chests were purchased for a/c and on behalf of the Hongkong and Macau Opium Farmers as per contracts Mr. Shellim had for your inspection. These purchases were made prior to any steps being taken to prohibit the import of uncertificated opium into Hongkong. Since the 4th July we did not purchase nor were we interested in a single chest of uncertificated opium for the Hongkong market. At the August sale we made no purchase for the Hongkong market. It is a fact that at the import and Export Office we appear as importers of a much larger quantity than 200 chests. This is accounted for by the fact that the Opium was taken delivery of by us and stored in our Godown on behalf of other firms and Banks and as the Bill of Lading is endorsed by us we appear as the importers. Mr. Hutchison at your request called at our Office and inspected our Godown and books and we think thoroughly satisfied himself that we were the actual importers of 200 chests of uncertificated opium only."

The Colonial Secretary replied:—"I made this statement on the strength of official reports of importations signed by your firm in which the opium in question was described as 'imported by us.' You have since informed me that this opium was not as stated 'imported by you but by other persons and that your only

interest in it was that you acted as warehousemen in respect of it. I have caused enquiry to be made and find that the information given by your firm in the official reports was incorrect and that the facts are as stated in your letter under reply."

Observatory Matters.

Acting on a joint communication from local shipmasters the committee of the Chamber suggested to the Government that instructions be issued to the Director of the Observatory to supply the commanding officers of the forts during the passing of a storm, both by day and by night, with all the information it is possible to give concerning the weather, so that vessels "speaking" the forts may obtain more complete information than they have hitherto received.

It appears, from the correspondence, that masters of vessels have on occasions, when sheltering during the passing of a storm, called up the forts with the view to obtaining information regarding the weather, and whilst their experience is that they invariably received a prompt reply, the information at the disposal of the forts was meagre and inadequate.

On Nov. 15, a letter was received from the Colonial Secretary on the question of the exhibition of the red symbols in the local storm warnings, asking for the opinion of the committee of the Chamber.

It appeared that Commander Beekwith expressed the opinion that the local "red symbols" by day and the "three green lights" by night as a typhoon warnings, are detrimental to shipping and useless to this port. On the other hand Mr. Figg thought it would be unwise at present to dispense with the red signals, while the Chinese, whom the Registrar General consulted were unwilling to take upon themselves the responsibility of making any recommendation.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Suggested Innovations.

The question as to the public holidays for Hongkong during the next year is at present under consideration by the Government, and on Oct. 13, the late Colonial Secretary addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, fixing thirteen dates as public holidays, and drawing attention to the inequality of distribution. The Colonial Secretary informed the Chamber that, to remedy matters, a holiday should be celebrated on Trafalgar Day, Oct. 19, in lieu of that on Whit-Monday.

In reply the Chamber of Commerce informed the Government that there was a strongly expressed opinion in some quarters against dropping so old an established and typically English holiday as Whit-Monday, but it was believed that an extra holiday might with advantage be instituted in October, the date suggested being the second Monday in the month. The Committee also thought that instead of fixing November 9 as a holiday, the Monday nearest that date could very well be chosen.

SATURDAYS SPORT.

There is not a great number of cricket fixtures for the week-end; only one league match being fixed for Saturday when Craigie-gower C.C. meets the Naval Yard C.C. The other important fixture is the meeting between the H.K.C.C. and the United Services, a two-days' match fixed for Dec. 30 and Jan. 1.

In the Association Football League the H.K.F.C. meet the K.O.Y.L.I. on the former's ground and the R.E. are at home to the N.Y.F.C. The Hongkong Football Club will need to do better than they have been doing if they are to keep anything like a good position. Of the last three matches they have drawn one and lost two. That they are a good team is hardly to be doubted, but lately a lack of training has been the obvious cause of their failures.

In the ninth round of the Association League which has to be completed this week, 87 C.C. R.G.A. meet the B.O.C. Corps, K.O.Y.L.I. meet L.F.C. 83 C.C. R.G.A. meet H.K. Police, 88 C.C. R.G.A. meet the Departmentals and the Submarines score a bye.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

General Homer Lea.

One of those unpleasant people who refuse to take things for granted has been questioning the right of Mr. Homer Lea to assume the title of General. Writing to the "Peking Daily News," he says:—"Homer Lea is not a general in the American army, nor has he ever been connected with that institution," and continues that Homer Lea was an officer in a company of Chinese cadets in California. In Who's Who in America it is stated that Homer Lea "undertook the relief of Kwang Hsu, Emperor of China, in 1900-01; he raised and commanded the Second Army Division in 1904, holding rank of Lieutenant-General over these forces." This letter was reproduced by the "China Press," and in an editorial note it is declared that it is quite correct to say that Homer Lea has never had any connection with the United States or any other army. The publication of "The Valley of Ignorance," the note continues, gave to the book and the writer a fictitious prominence. All this must be very unpleasant for the gentleman who, with characteristic modesty, described himself to interviewers as comparable to Lafayette. It is not altogether a fortunate thing for Dr. Sun Yat-sen that he should arrive to take part in the councils of the remodelers of China aided by a military adviser who, according to all report, is not a military man.

Billiken.

The idol of good-humour, "Billiken," who enjoyed much popularity some little time ago in English-speaking communities, has become acclimated in Japan. This we learn from the "Japan Chronicle." Our contemporary says: "Some time ago 'Billiken' was introduced into Japan, where its popularity, especially amongst shopkeepers, bids fair to equal if not exceed its popularity in the West. In almost every shop the grotesque figure, resembling an Eastern idol, is to be seen, with the inscription below in English, 'The God of Things as they Ought to be.' One enterprising dry goods store has had the figure reproduced in a large size, about three feet in height, with Japanese lettering at the bottom instead of English; and it now proudly stands in the shop. The position usually chosen for the figure is in the neighbourhood of the till, and it seems that Japanese take the figure quite seriously, believing it to be a representation of the Western God of Wealth or Luck, corresponding to Caikok. A thousand years hence some archaeologist will write a paper for a learned society pointing out the universality of the worship of Billiken as shown by the excavations in those one-time great cities, widely separated, London, New York, and Kobe."

Yuan and the Republic.

The announcement, unofficial, but definite, was made on Dec. 22 that Yuan Shih-kai had asserted that he would never agree to the formation of a Chinese Republic. It is not surprising to learn that the "N. C. Daily News" has been authorized emphatically to contradict the statement that Yuan had telegraphed in the same sense to H.E. Tung Shiao-yi, the Imperial Peace Commissioner. That Yuan has no belief in the efficacy of a republican form of Government in China may easily be believed, but it is hardly likely that he would jeopardize the success of the Conference by making so emphatic a profession of faith before negotiations had been fairly entered upon. On the other hand the ways of Chinese diplomacy are devious, and it is possible that Yuan desired unofficially to suggest that the revolutionary negotiators had a resolute and determined opponent to deal with and that they should not raise their expectations too high. In negotiations of this kind "bluff" is one of the customary cards and, after all, it would be perhaps legitimate for Yuan Shih-kai to allow the impression indirectly to be given that he would not agree to a Republic upon any consideration when the revolutionary leaders have declared openly that they will not tolerate monarchy, however limited. What is sauce for the Revolutionary goose is sauce for the Imperial gander.

THE CLEVELAND TOURISTS.

A Sea Tragedy.

The voyage of the H.A. L. s.s. Cleveland through the Java Sea was attended by a tragedy, one of the tourists, Mrs. Sherwood Hall of Grand Rapids, Michigan, being drowned. A report states that on Dec. 16, the Cleveland crossed the line, "Neptune" came on board. The report continues:—Long before 2 o'clock on the fatal day the passengers began to flock to the after deck, where a stage and a tank had been improvised. At the same time Neptune and his crew, in motley garb and varicoloured paint, were being photographed on the fore-castle deck. Behind them stood the ship's band, ready to lead the procession off.

Suddenly the passengers, at the rail heard a splash and the cry: "Man overboard!" A woman's face appeared in the wash of the ship, but there was no movement or expression, and the few who saw it did not take it seriously. The officers and crew were soon running to the life-boat, but the great audience supposed them to be acting their little parts in a comedy.

The lifeboat was lowered aft to within a few feet of the water, its crew standing at the oars. The great engines were reversing the propellers, and within ten minutes the Cleveland was going astern at full speed. The body was passed on the other side, still motionless, but a few began to realize by this time that an accident had occurred. Mr. Marcus Jordan of Baltimore, a quiet, athletic young man, at once took in the situation, slipped out of his coat and shoes and went overboard from the aft deck in a splendid dive. Swimming with powerful strokes, he reached the body and held it with one hand while he swam for a life-preserver, with the other. In an incredibly short time the life-boat reached them and brought them to the ship's side.

The poor woman, who is believed to have gone overboard in a moment of despondency, could not be resuscitated, although efforts were kept up by a group of physicians for two hours. The body was embalmed, and her son, who is one of the passengers, will return with it from Hongkong to San Francisco.

Mr. Jordan suffered no bad effects from his heroic effort to rescue the unfortunate woman. His greatest danger was that of being caught by sharks, with which the Java sea is infested. When the Cleveland dropped anchor off Batavia the next morning, these voracious monsters cruised constantly around the ship in plain sight of the passengers on deck.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Inspector Gordon prosecuted in a case of alleged armed robbery, at the Magistracy, to-day. Two men appeared on this charge, and it is said that at 1.30 a.m. on Dec. 26 they, with others, broke into a house at Unlang near Kowloon City. The first inmate that they came across was an old farmer, whose chest they battered with an iron bar, inflicting injuries which were subsequently treated by a Chinese doctor. The men then attempted to enter an inner compartment, where the old man's son and his wife slept. These two, awakened by the noise, stood behind the door to prevent entry, and the son fired three or four shots from a revolver, injuring one of the men. The two men who appeared in court have been remanded.

Captain K. E. Warden, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Jervois, and 80 rank and file, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., 8 rank and file, R. E., Captain A. E. B. Wood and 2 rank and file, R.A.M.C., proceeded to Canton on local duty per s.s. Honam, on 23rd instant.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

Soldiers Sworn In.

This morning, at the Magistracy before Mr. D. Melbourne, twenty soldiers from the K.O.Y.L.I. were sworn in as special constables. The authorities had decided to take this step since the commencement of trouble by Hongkong's rowdy element, but it was not until to-day that accommodation could be provided for the troops in the Police Barracks, for which purpose a special match has been erected on the compound of the Central Police Station. The Police do not anticipate any trouble, the step having merely been taken in the nature of a necessary precaution.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Typhoon Signals.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Dear Sir,
May I be permitted to tentatively suggest for consideration the following alternative solution of the typhoon-signals problem, namely that a Regulation be passed prohibiting vessels from making use of the Harbour of Refuge except when the black signals are up.

In this way the red signals would be preserved as long-distance warning, whilst the inconvenience to shipping, which is occasioned by many of the cargo-boats junks and sampans hurrying off to the Harbour of Refuge directly the red signals are hoisted, (in order to make sure of getting a berth there), would be avoided.

Yours, etc.
H. E. P. Lock.
Hongkong, Dec. 24th, 1911.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir.—With reference to the letter dated 23rd December, will you kindly allow us to amend it by stating that the protest is made on behalf of the Authorised Architects belonging to the firms whose signatures are appended.

Yours, etc.
Leigh & Orange
Palmer & Turner
Denison, Ram & Gibbs.

Lord Derby is the most successful owner of the flat-racing season in England, having won £42,856. With eleven horses he took thirty races. Mr. J. B. Joel takes second place, his winning with sixteen horses in thirty-five races amounting to £34,574. Mr. George Lampton claims the premier place among the winning trainers. Frank Wootton again figures at the head of the winning jockeys with a total of 187 wins, whilst C. Trigg comes second with 111 successes.

The "China Press" of Dec. 23 reports:—The home of Mr. T. C. White of the American Consulate, at No. 40 Seymour Road, was robbed at an early hour yesterday morning. The thieves, who made their escape, gained entry by breaking a rear window and lifting the latch. They carried off a quantity of jade stone cups, one of which was a present from the late Empress Dowager, and a quantity of silverware, in all valued at \$600. The burglars pressed a trunk full of Chinese scrolls out of the window and left it with its contents after breaking the trunk open and finding that the scrolls were not good collateral for them. The police were notified, but up to a late hour last night they had obtained no clue to the thieves.

THE FOREIGN TRADE OF KOREA.

According to an official report, says the Seoul Press, the total amount of the foreign trade done in Korea during last month was Y.1,499,000 in exports and Y.5,553,000 in imports. The trade done during the eleven months ending November last was Y.16,700,000 in exports and Y.48,764,000 in imports. These figures represent a decrease of Y.893,000 in the former and an increase of Y.14,588,000 in the latter as compared with the returns for the corresponding period of the preceding year. This year the export of hides, cattle, cereals, graphite, dried and salted fish, and coal so far show an increase, hides and cattle amounting to Y.78,000 and Y.99,000 in amount respectively, but a decrease was noticed in the export of rice, beans, barley, wheat, cotton, fish, iron ore, and lumber, while ginseng and gold ore were stationary. As for imports, an increase was noticed in raw cotton and shirting (amounting to Y.907,000), parcels post (Y.401,000), cotton, yarn (Y.242,000), lumber (Y.171,000), eel, steel and various machinery. But a decrease was noticed in the import of tobacco, straw bags, candles, salted fish, silk cloth, stationery, and others. According to the same report, the total amount of export and import of gold coin and gold and silver bullion during November last Y.853,000 and Y.6,000 respectively. During eleven months ending November Y.11,932,000 worth of gold coin and gold and silver bullion was exported from Korea and Y.4,614,000 imported. These figures represent increases of Y.3,602,000 in exports and Y.2,739,000 in imports as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

M. Pankratoff, chief of the Harbin Fire Brigade, has arrived at Moscow by bicycle from Harbin, having taken four months to accomplish the distance of 5,625 miles. He started with three companions, all of whom abandoned the journey at Tomsk. M. Pankratoff went on by himself, and had numerous adventures. He was frequently attacked by peasants, and on one occasion was seriously injured in the back.

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Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 25th Dec., 1911. [4]

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 1st proximo. Hongkong, 27th Dec., 1911. [1565]

NOTICE.

ALL vessels are warned that in passing into the Mongkok Tseu Typhoon Shelter now in course of construction only the Entrances at Yaumatei and Tai Kok-tseu are to be used as the rubble round is near the surface and forms a danger to navigation. The two entrances named above are marked by two red and white discs by day and by two white and red lights at night.

O. W. BECKWITH, Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 27th Dec., 1911. [1567]

THE SPECIAL STAMPS for Bill of Exchange are now on sale on requisition at the Stamp Office. The 5 cent stamp will continue to be on sale without requisition at the General Post Office as well as at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON, Treasurer, &c.,
Hongkong, 28th Dec., 1911. [1569]

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1099]

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GEORGE CURRY,
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Hongkong, 24th Nov., 1911. [1674]

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"MONTAGUE".....Sat., Dec. 30.	
1912	1912

"EMPERESS OF INDIA".....Sat., Jan. 27. "EMPERESS OF IRELAND".....Fri., Feb. 28.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN".....Sat., Feb. 24. "EMPERESS OF IRELAND".....Fri., Mar. 22.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM
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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon.
BANDARAN via JESSELTON	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., 4 p.m.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYANG"	Tuesday, 2nd Jan., D'light.
MANILA	"WINGSANG"	Saturday, 6th Jan., 2 p.m.

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Telephone No. 215. Hongkong, 27th December, 1911. [8]

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REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG FOR VANCOUVER, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND (Or.) via SHANGHAI AND JAPANESE PORTS.

Steamer	Captain	Tons D W	On or about
"BYGGA"	—	—	January 9th.
"SUVERIO"	—	—	—

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Shipping—Steamers.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	KITANO MARU, Capt. E. E. Cope, T. 9,000 IYO MARU, Capt. R. Takada, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Noda, T. 7,000 AWA MARU, Capt. T. Iizawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. B. Kon, T. 7,000	SATURDAY, 30th Dec., from KOBE
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon. FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan., at 11 a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI—MOJI & KOBE	TOSA MARU, Capt. Sato, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Jan.

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"HIROSHIMA MARU".....Tons 4,000.....Capt. Hirase.....Dec. 30th.

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FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	Feb. 14th.
KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Honma	Mar. 13th.
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. C. Moses	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	Apr. 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	Apr. 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Muri	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tominaga	Feb. 27th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 20th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000	—	Apr. 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	Apr. 23rd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tominaga	May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days, and to Yokohama 6 days. For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at a Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Causeway Road.

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Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
AMOI, NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	29th Dec. 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"	30th " 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	30th " M'night.
WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"SHANSI"	31st " D'light.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KUEICHOW"	2nd Jan. 4 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	4th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	6th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TEAN"	9th " 4 p.m.

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AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A daily qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

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Telephone No. 26. Hongkong, 28th December, 1911. [11]

Shipping—Steamers.

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Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

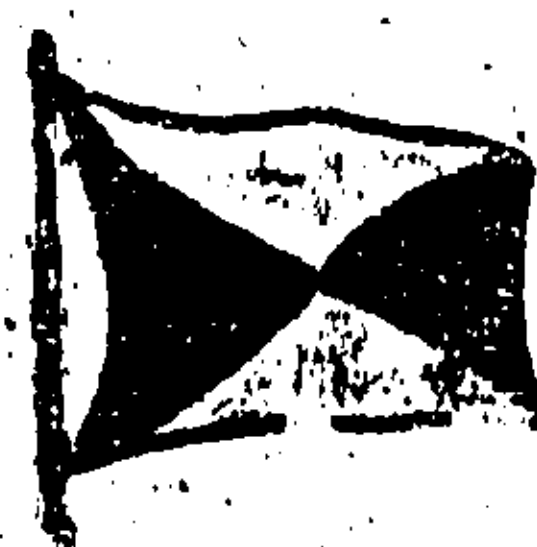
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OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Havre, Bremen Hamburg & Ant.:
S.S. Silas.....1st Jan.	S.S. "Brasilia".....7th Jan.
"Ambrs".....16th Jan.	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
"Goldensle".....27th Jan.	S.S. "Dortmund".....18th Jan.
"Suvi".....8th Feb.	For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:
"F. Bueh".....20th Feb.	S.S. "Sogoya".....23rd Jan.
"Belgaria".....1st Mar.	For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp:
"Sachsen".....18th Mar.	S.S. "Silas".....24th Feb.
"C. Fed. Laesch".....3rd Apr.	For Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:
	S.S. "Sumbi".....3rd Feb.
	For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:
	S.S. "Saxonia".....16th Feb.

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Hongkong Office. [926]

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PHILIPPINES
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Date.
KUBI.....	4000	S. Greshy	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 30th Dec., 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO.....	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., 4 p.m.

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1911. [14]

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tijlilong	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tijlaroom	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tijbodus	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tijpanas	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.
Tijlatjap	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
Tijlanock	JAVA	1st half Feb.	JAPAN	1st half Feb.
Tijmahil	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

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York Buildings.

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western-Pacific railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe. PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Dec. 29th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Jan. 19th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyu Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	Feb. 16th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer TENYO MARU will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 29th December, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.)

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon.
Buyo Maru	10,500	Tuesday, April 3, Noon.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

K. MATSUDA, Agent,
KING'S BUILDING (opposite Blake Pier).

LOG BOOK.

Coast Officers' Gazette.

(From the "Leading Light," Dec. 22)

Mr. T. Henderson, from leave, has gone third engineer, Kiang-sung.

Mr. T. Robinson, third engineer, Kiangyung, has gone third engineer, Kiangkwan.

Mr. A. Werner, acting chief officer, Kuling, has gone second officer, Kiangfo.

Mr. A. E. Drummond, acting second officer, Irons, has gone second officer, Kiangyu.

Mr. L. A. Muir, second officer, Lungting, has gone supernumerary, Hsin Pekin.

Mr. Dalgleish, second engineer, Kashing, is on leave.

Mr. A. Cumming, third engineer, Kuling, has gone second engineer, Kashing.

Mr. J. D. Wilson, supernumerary Hsin Pekin, has gone second officer, Tungting.

Mr. G. G. Mudie, supernumerary, Hsin Pekin, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. P. Maher, third engineer, Shengking, is on leave.

Mr. J. Morton has been appointed third engineer, Kuling.

Mr. S. Thomson, third engineer, Kutsang, is awaiting orders.

Mr. J. McMahon, supernumerary, Kutsang, has gone fourth engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Dallas, from leave, has gone second engineer, Kutsang.

Mr. G. G. Choyne, acting second engineer, Kutsang, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. A. M. Scott, awaiting orders, has gone acting second engineer, Yatsing.

Mr. A. Stephenson, second engineer, Yatsing, is on leave.

Mr. C. Duncan, chief officer, Kingsing, has resigned.

Mr. A. L. Burton, awaiting orders, has gone chief officer, Changwo.

Mr. H. Rance, chief officer, Changwo, has gone chief officer, Kingsing.

Mr. C. B. Tweedy, chief officer, Kingsing, is awaiting orders.

Mr. T. R. Sayle, second officer, Koonshing, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. McTuffog, chief officer, Koonshing, has gone acting master, Pingsang.

Captain Ritchie, of the Tingsing, is on leave.

Mr. G. F. James, second officer, Lianshing, has gone second officer, Koonshing.

Mr. H. S. Consterdine has been appointed second officer, Lianshing.

Captain J. C. Daily, of the Tehsing, has gone master, Chang-on, is on leave.

Mr. Hansen, chief officer, Tehsing, has gone master, same ship.

BOXING AS A SPORT.

A Defence by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who as a sportsman has often "donned the gloves" and as a novelist has written one of the best living stories on boxing ("Rodney Stone"), has expressed the opinion that it is impossible to eradicate the love for boxing as a sport in England.

Such decisions as that given at Birmingham in the Moran-Driscoll case, he told a press representative would only be to drive boxing underground. "You can drive it underground, but you cannot stop it. Instead of having contests in the presence of the public, the Press, and the police, you will have it underground. You can have it in the back parlour of a public house, but you are going to have it somehow. It is better, surely, to have it in the daylight, where, if there has been any brutality, there will at once be a shriek of 'Foul' or 'Sha'ie."

"It is certain you will not stop it. That is absolutely impossible. I confess I do not understand where the line is going to be drawn between boxing and a veiled prizefight."

It was only our individuality and love of sport which gave us a chance of bringing out our manhood

POST OFFICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Monday the 1st January, from 8 to 9 a.m.

In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters as on Sunday. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The S.S. "Prinzess Alice" will be due to arrive here on Saturday, the 30th inst.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

A Mail will close for:—

Haiphong (taking Mails for Peking) Per Carl Diederichsen, 29th Dec, 8 a.m.

Amoy, Straits and Rangoon—Per Soong Lee 29th Dec, 9 a.m.

Saigon—Per Telemachus, 29th Dec, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Fook-sang, 29th Dec, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainiching, 29th Dec, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hainiching, and San Francisco—Per Telemachus, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.

Bangkok—Per Landrat Schieff, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.

Koror, Yap, Ulai, Sijian, Truk, Pohnpei, Rukus, Jaluit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney—Per German, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.

Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai—Per Kwang, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (U.C.) Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Montague, 29th Dec, 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Aniquar, Yap, Friederich, Wilhelmshe, Rabaul, Herbertshe, Milap, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Prinz Sigismund, 30th Dec, 9 a.m.

Haiphong (taking Mails for Peking)—Per Soong Lee, 30th Dec, 9 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Loong-sang, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lightning, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Manila, Mangarua, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Ruby, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Jessam and Sankhian—Per Maut-sang, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Weihaiwei and Chefoo—Per Shun-shi, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Linan, 30th Dec, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 31st Dec, 11 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Choy-sang, 1st Jan, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle—Per Tamba-maru, 2nd Jan, 10 a.m.

EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)—Per Australian, 2nd Jan, 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Knolchow, 2nd Jan, 3 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Chin-hui, 4th Dec, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Peris, 5th Jan, 10 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samrang, Sourabaya and Measara—Per Tifurcan, 6th Jan, 10 a.m.

EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 5th Jan, at 6 p.m.—Per Deyanha, 6th Jan, 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sang, 6th Jan, 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anhui, 6th Jan, 8 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Anhui, 6th Jan, 8 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

MAIL.

German, Bulow 28th inst.

American, China 28th prox.

The Dowell New York Line s.s. Saint Patrick arrived at Boston, Mass. on the 20th inst.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinzess Alice, which left here on the 29th ult., at 1 p.m., arrived at Genoa on the 26th inst.

The O. S. K. s.s. Canada Maru, from Tacoma, left Shanghai for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected here on the 29th inst., p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co's s.s. China sailed from San Francisco on the 27th inst., for Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 29th prox.

ARRIVALS.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,350, C. G. Williams, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec, Gen.—D. & S.

Daiya Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,785, K. Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Wakamatsu 21st Dec, Gen.—M. B. K.

Canada Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,759, K. Mori, 28th Dec.—Shanghai, 25th Dec, Gen.—O. S. K.

Choy Sang, Br. s.s., 1,124, M. Courtney, 28th Dec.—Shanghai 24th and Swatow 27th Dec, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Daiji Maru, Jap. s.s., 316, H. Murayama, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec, Gen.—O. S. K.

Hainiching Br. s.s., 1,263, W. O. Passmore, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Ting Sang, Br. s.s., 1,045, McGeoff, 28th Dec.—Wakamatsu 22nd Dec, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yusan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,329, Horiya, 28th Dec.—Mikto 22nd Dec, Gen.—M. B. K.

Shikoro Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,178, H. S. Kuroda, 28th Dec.—Mikto 22nd Dec, Gen.—O. S. K.

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THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Armistice Extended.

The peace conference was reopened at the Town Hall, Shanghai, on the 20th, in consequence of telegrams received from Yuan Shih stating that the Imperialist generals had received new orders to stop fighting and continued until 6.15, at which time the following statement was issued for publication:

1. It is mutually agreed that the armistice should be extended for a period of seven days, i.e. from December 24, 8 a.m., to December 31, 8 a.m.

2. Dr. Wu Ting-fang advocated the necessity of establishing a republican form of government for China. He believed that China is fully prepared to welcome the new republic. He said, in substance as follows:

"The people of China will accept no other form of government than a Republic founded upon the will of the people. Since we can appoint delegates to represent us both in the various Provincial Assemblies and in the National Assembly at Peking, why are we not qualified to elect a President as the chief executive of the nation?"

"The Manchus have shown their utter impossibility of governing the people for 207 years. They must go out. A government may be well likened to a trading company. If the manager, through incapacity or dishonesty, causes the failure of the concern, he has no business in office; a new manager must be elected by the shareholders. The Republican party does not intend to drive the Manchus out, nor to ill-treat them. On the contrary, they want to place them on a perfect equality with the Chinese, enjoying together the blessings of liberty, equality and fraternity."

Dr. Wu expressed his readiness to accept Dr. Wu's views but as the matter is one of the greatest importance, he has to communicate with Peking.

The document was initiated by the two Commissioners. According to other information Tang Shao-yi's position was even more strongly put. He expressed himself personally disposed for the republican, as the only basis of stable government, but raised the question of Tibet, Turkestan and Mongolia and how they would be effected.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang replied that there would be no difficulty here; the scheme for China Proper would include all.

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